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## SPLENDID ATTRACTIONS

WHAT CAN BE SEEN AT THE PLAY. HOUSES THIS WEEK.

"The Black Crook" and "Niobe" at the Academy and Wards and James at the Broad Street House-Notes.

The coming to this city of the famous "he Black Crook" will recall to the sed timers the "Riack Crook" of 1866 with its academic premiers, its fullskirted coryphers, and its amply draped decrant c, and who last year gazed upon the spectacular carnival at the Academy of Music, New York, with its succession of scenes, are moved to reflection on the change in the times. Prior to the initial production of Charles Barras' spectacle, there had never been a regular ballet of size in this country. Lela Montez had flitted across the stage and Fanny Elister had danced a few characteristic steps, but a complete ballet with prima assoluta, secondi and ballerini was unknown. The little the public had seen of women in tights was confined to the performance of "Mazeppa," in which either an Adah Isaacs Menken, a Kate either an Adah Isaaca Menken, a Kate Fisher or a Leo Hudson was lashed to the back of a wild, untamed Barbary steed, The sensation can be imagined when all at once the stage of Nibo's Garden, New York, was filled with what seemed to be myriads of women in short skirse to myriads of women in short skirts, in trunks and in breeches. It was a beautiful spectacle and it appealed to the senses as no theatrical performance ever had To-day there are family matinees given

and our children are allowed to bite of a which a quarter of a century ago

The present revival is superb, in fact is superior to the initial production. allegorical ballets are all gorgeous those with an Illustrative significance most entertaining. The European are most entertaining. The European specialties are povel, and in point of true excellence outrank anything as yet brought to this country. It is a huge un-sertaking to start such a large company as four, and its management deserves a reat deal of credit for displaying such cal splendor, Monday, Tuesday and dnesday at the Academy with a special itinee for children Wednesday. There us a large sale of seats yesterday. Ward and James.

Frederick Warde and Louis James will open a three nights' engagement at the Richmond Theatre on Thursday, Novemwith a matinee performance on

both actors are great favorites in this city, and last year they played an enor-

Their productions, which are of an nature in regard to mountings and casts, have aroused their audiences rywhere to a positive pitch of enthu-im, scoring triumphs all along the line, hey come, supported by one of the ngest dramatic organizations on the d, and with two such stars, it is not be wondered at that they should do a tremendous business, and make a sensation. It is very gratifying to lovers of the highest form of the best in drama that the association of



Frederick Wards and Louis James should entinue to work with such enthusiasti approval. It shows that the public interst in the classical drama, when ted, is as strong as ever, and this

The opening play will be George H.

Taker's "Francesca da Rimini," with Mr.

Warde as Lanciotto, a charater he so ably a his remarkable performance of Pepe,

Francesca da Rimini" will also be given at the Saturday matinee.

On Friday night, Sheridan Knowles' great play "Virginius" will be presented.

Warde has long been associated with the title-role, and Mr. James will give great strength to the cast by a mas-terly impersonation of Applus Claudius. A fine scenic dressing has been especially ginius, and certainly with both Warde and James in the cast, the distribution of characters has never been excelled. Miss Fanty Bowman will appear as Virginia and Mr. Charles D. Herman will be the

On Saturday night another novelty is promised in Shakespeare's "Othello," as it ill be the first presentation of that play city by Messrs. Warde and James Mr. Warde, as Iago, proceeds on the as-sumption that Iago was moved by re-vence to compass the ruin of the Moor. thus making a radical departure from

James is said to act Othello in a od of convincing sincerity, with traci-

grand and passionate feeling. The New Comedy "Niobe,"

statue of Niobe, belonging to an art

enthusiast, Tompkins, and which he be-leves to be the veritable petrification of the "one time" wife of Amphion and Queen Thebes, is insured by him in a company which the president is one Peter Amou who for safe keeping removes the c lights have just been put in the

statue the current brings Niobe much to the astonishment of Peter Amos Dunn. His family are at the theatre and he is at a loss to explain the presence of this beautiful creature on their return. he remembers that a governess who and introducing her as such. Here the complications begin. Niobe who is all tears, breaks down and weeps on the breast of Peter Amos, whom she calls a skes the realousy of his wifer who is edged on her part by her fart elder sister, Helen Griffin, who is the head of the household Much is inade of the humor to be drawn from the manners and customs of 3,000 years ago and now. Every effort of Peter Amos to get himself out of the original prevarications puts him further into the er a series of varied complications thusiast is glad to take back living Niebe in place of the statue. With this main story is interwoven that of the governess whom Niobe represents, and who etters of his sister. Cornelius mistakes for Madeline Mifton, the governess, and hence arises a new set of complica-tions reaching a climax when Miss Mifton really appears.

Niobe will come to life Thursday, Friday and Saturday at the Academy.

Interesting Notes. Lawrence Hanley's company disbanded last week in Dayton, Ohio.

Mascagni has written a play without MEYER'S, Cor. Sixth and Broad.

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A YARD. ON MONDAY we will open Ten Cases of BLANKETS we Bought at the recent Auction Sale of the Sample Stock of the Muskegon Manufac uring Company. 100 Chenille Table Covers-134 yards square, with Knotted Fringe—Guaranteed the Same that Sell for \$2.00,

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## SELLING AT THESE PRICES IS WHAT KEEPS US ALWAYS BUSY.

words. It is a tragedy entitled Theodosio. The Maid of Plymouth will be sung by the Bostonians for the first time in Chicago during their present engagement at the Columbia Theatre.

Mr. and Mrs. Cleveland occupied a box at a performance of Romeo and Juliet by Julia Marlowe's company at the Academy of Music, Washington, on Friday evening, it being the first public appearance of Mrs. Cleveland since the birth of her daughter.

The Coghlans, Rose and Charles, are The Coghlans, Rose and Charles, are busy rehearsing Oscar Wilde's new comedy, "A Woman of No Importance." The play is to be given a handsome production at the Fifth Avenue Theatre, December II. A dinner to Henry Irving will be given at the Hotel Imperial on November 28 by the Society of American Dramatists. In the absence of Bronson Howard, Charles A. Byrne will preside, and Joseph I. C. Clarke will deliver an address of welcome. Camille de Saint-Saens has composed the musical numbers for the version of the musical numbers for the version of Antigone, that is shortly to be presented at the Comedie Francaise. M. Vacquerie at the Comedie Francaise. M. Vacquerie strangled Appins Claudius, sitting in his home with mind discussions. and M. Maurice have collaborated on a home with mind distraught calling for his netrical translation of the Greek trag At the sale of seats for the opening of Abbey's new theatre the first box sold (B) brought \$1,000, said to be the highest price ever paid for a box in this city. This pur-chase was made by friends of Agnes ooth-Schoeffel in Boston, Boxes A and C were bought by Robert and Ogden Goelet for \$300 each, and Al. Hayman paid \$200 for Box D.

Les Rols, a drama by Jules Lemaitre, was billed for production last Tuesday evening at the Renaissance Theatre, Paris, with Sarah Bernhardt in the principal role. Count Hoyes, the Austrian ambas-sador, protested against the production on the ground that one of the scenes suggest-ed too strongly the tragic death of the Austrian Crown Prince Rudolph. Madame Bernhardt and M. Lemaitre de lined to modify the scene at the suggestion of the French Government, but it is not likely that the play will be inter-

The silver statue of Justice, which has been a Montana exhibit at the World's Fair, and for which Ada Rehan is said to have posed, arrived in New York city last Friday night in charge of two armed guards. At the current value of silver, it is said to be worth \$63,400, while the gold base upon which it stands, weighing 1,000 pounds, is valued at \$225,000. The statue is nine feet high. It is owned by a syndi-cate, and will be exhibited in a local dry

goods store.

The following are the important at-The following are the important actractions announced for this week in New York: Vaudeville at Tony Pastor's; "A Temperance Town," at the Madison Square Theatre; Vaudeville at Procter's; Francis Theatre; Vaudeville at Procter's; Theatre; Vauceville at Procter's, Franks Wilson in "Erminie" at the Broadway, "The Algerians" at the Garden; E. H. Sothern at the Lyceum Theatre; Joseph Jefferson at the Star; "1452" at Palmer's; "Charley's Aunt" at the Standard; "Maine and Georgia" at the Fourteenth Maine and Georgia at the Fouriestal street Theatre; Marie Jansen at the Bijou Theatre; Vaudeville at Koster and Bial's and the Imperial Music Hall; "Oiaf" at Niblo's Theatre; "The Power of the Press" Niblo's Theatre; at the Grand Opera House; Sol Smith Russell in "A Poor Relation" at Daly's; The Woollen Stocking" at Harrigan's, Deera and Vaudeville at Keith's Union "In Old Kentucky" at the Acad-

emy of Music What an awful shudder ran through us all when we heard that an attempt was made on Thursday night to poison Marie Tempest by sending a strychnine-coated bunch of roses to her upon the stage. The story, of course, is perfectly authentic for have we not the strychnine, the flowers and Miss Tempest in evidence. The thought forces itself upon us that the poisoned bouquet may have been intended for Julius Steger. Mr Steger must know that the lives of all processing the control of the control that the lives of all great men are liable to be cut short at any moment. years ago in this same city a beautiful basket of poisoned grapes was presented to Agnes Herndon while she was acting. She had a terrible time; but the doctors

The fortunate part of the Tempest and the Herndon poisoned-token episodes is that in each case there was good press

work. About three years ago, when Sells Brothers' circus was making a tour of the world, the show was forbidden by the New South Wales authorities to land at Sydney. The authorities feared contag-ion, and the show was quarantined. This not being deemed sufficient, the govern-ment killed about one-half of the circus' stock of horses. The circus management claimed that all this had caused them a less of \$56,000. The government is said to have afterward admitted that a mistake had been made. The Sells Brothers have now commenced in this country proceedings against the New South vernment for \$50,000 damages, and have used an attachment upon all the property exhibited by the Australian governmen

Wilson Barrett, whose next season in this country will begin at the Globe Theatre in Boston on November 20, has been invested by Hall Caine with the sole

rights to dramatize the latter's novel, "The Bondsman." The Bondsman will take its place in Mr. Barrett's repertoir this season, and he expects that it will be quite as popular as Ben-My-Chree, Mr. Barrett will also play here this season a version of Virginius revised by himself. The Leeds and Liverpool press pronounce Mr. Barrett's improvement of this play wonderful, and when we remember that Hazlitt declared it to be "the finest acting

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play ever written," this will stand forth as unusual praise. The main changes are in the rearrangement of the acts so

Then a funeral march is heard from a distance. Nearer and nearer it con and presently four maidens, friends Virginia, clad in white, enter carrying The father at first in his frenz thinking that she is asleep, finally awakes to a realization that she is dead and ex-

If Charles Alfred Byrne and Louis Harrison keep on at their present rate of speed in turning out light opera librettos, they will soon have a monopoly on that particular class of entertainment in this

Mr. Byrne recently: "Rehearsals of Princess Nicotine, of which Mr. Harriand I are the authors, are progress ing rapidly and satisfactorily at the sino. The report that Lillian Russell is not pleased with her part, I wish promptly to deny. With regard to Venus at the Park

Theatre, Boston, for the libretto of which Mr. Harrison and I are also responsible, I think it is playing to the best business in that city. I have seen the performance several times. That charming artist, Camille D' Arville, is seen to great advantage in the leading role.
"The first night of Princess Nicotine is

set for November 29. On the following night Adelina Patti will produce at Music Hall, Boston, my one-act grand opera, Gabrielle. The music is by Pizzi, an Italian composer who won the first prize of Boulogne, with Mascagni as competitor. December 23, T. Henry French will produce at the American Theatre The Voyage of Suzette, which Mr. Harrison and I are adapting from the French.
"And then what? The Mahdi, with

The Cloaks of Cartoon. That opera

bably in Chleago.
"Our next contract is with E. E. Rice will probably be presented in the Fall at the Park Theatre, Boston. Atlantis will be a comic opera with spectacular effects,

Furthermore, I expect to write an intense romantic opera in coadjutation with John Peachey, the English tenor, now with 1492. As Thomas Q. Seabrooke will doubtless continue to sing in The Isle of Champagne next season, it would seem as though within a year the public will have excellent opportunities to attend Byrne and Harrison's operas."

Forming a Musical Association.

At Corcoran Hall Friday evening the music lovers of Church Hill enjoyed a splendid concert, which will prove an incentive for the formation of a music association. The names of one hundred peo-ple are required, and over half that numwere secured at the concert. The out ook is promising. The following attractive programme was

endered in an artistic manner under the eadership of Professor Felix Iardella. The solo numbers were excellent, each of he singers responding to encores: 1. Overture—"Barber of Seville" (Ros-

sini), Iardella's concert orchestra.

2. Contralto Solo-Mrs. J. H. Knowles.

3.(a) "Inflammatus," from "Stabat Mater" (Rossini), with obligato for trombone, by A. Equi; (b) "Valse Lento," from ballet "Sylvia" (Delibes), Iardella's oncert orchestra. 4. Baritone Solo-Mr. E. H. Clowes 5. (a) "Polish National Dance" (Schar-wenka); (b) "Pizzicato Polka" (Strauss),

Iardella's concert orchestra.
6. Tenor Solo-"Luliaby" (Blake), F. W. Cunningham.
7. Waltz—"Chansons d'Amour" (Ellen burg), Iardella's concert orchestra.

A meeting will be held next Tuesday night at Corcoran Hall for the purpose of forming the association. The matter is under the direction of Captain F. W. Cunningham, Mr. R. M. S. Valentine and Mr. J. A. Reynolds, who will give all in-formation desired.

VIRGINIA'S CONVICTS.

HOW THEY ARE EMPLOYED IN THE BEST INTEREST OF THE STATE.

The Earnings of the Institution Since 1874 -Purchase of a Farm Recommended-Permanent Improvements.

Th annual rport of Major B. W. Lynn, who has been for the past two years the superintendent of the penitentiary, in speaking of the financial condition of the institution, has the following:

"The earnings of the institution inside of the walls have been greater than ever before, notwithstanding the great depression in business throughout the upon his fellow-man, and that there is country. The total receipts fall short of no hope for his reformation, the penitensome former years, from the fact that so few convicts were hired to railroad

contractors, etc." 'Carrying out the policy indicated in my report of last year, that the institu tion ought to employ all of the able prison walls rather than hire them to outsiders, where they are necessarily exposed to the inclemency of the weather and confined in bad quarters, I have been able to enlarge the contract with the Davis Boot and Shoe Company, and extend it for a term of years, which just fied the enlarging of the shops for the increase of their business and prevented them from removing to another State The contract with Larus & Bro. tobacco manufacturers, has also been renewed upon advantageous terms."

"The buildings necessary to accommodate these firms, so that all of the prisoners suitable for the work can be use are nearing completion, and will cos about \$35,000. This may seem large, bu when the financial history of the ginia Penitentiary is reviewed, we find that previous to the contract made with the Davis Shoe Company in 1880, the State of Virginia was forced to appropriate large sums of money to meet exself-supporting institution."

Cost of the Institution. The books show the following financial

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"The shoe shop was totally destroyed by fire in January 1988, and consequently very little work was done in that year. The above figures show that, when the prisoners were employed on contract work within the walls, they proved a source of profit to the State, they were not so employed, there was

"The present contractors will probably work 1,100 of the prisoners. The sary detail for cooking, washing, tallors, barbers, sweepers, etc., will take one hundred more. This will leave a large number still idle—the old, the infirm and cripples, and the very young-perhaps 200 of them. For sanitary and other reasons, I do not deem it advisable, even if it were practicable, to increase the number of cells in the prison. Its construction is sufficiently faulty now. The only way out of the difficulty is the one I recommended in my last re-port, and I now again urge that a farma large tract of unimproved low ground or river bottom, susceptible of valuable improvement by ditching, dyking, etc., improvement by ditching, dyking, etc., be leased, with an option of purchase, and that suitable buildings be erected thereon, temporary at first, where all of the unemployed in the penitentiary ould be removed and be engaged in producing sustemance for themselves as well as for those on the contracts, thus relieving the present congestion, securing constant employment for all prisoners ing constant employment for all prisoners and carrying out the intent of the law in relation to hard labor. The management of this farm should be in the hands

of the superintendent of the penitentiary subject to the control of the Board of

Directors, by and with the advice of the Governor. Its site should be a healthy one, and it should be purchased with a view of making it a permanent prison "The law restricting the superintendent

to working convicts within twenty miles of the city of Richmond should be repealed, and he should be authorized to use the funds of the institution for the purchase of the farm and the erection of the necessary buildings on the same."

"We have upon our statute books what is known as the recidivous act. This act imposes five years additional imprisonment upon a convict for second con-viction, and a life sentence upon a third conviction. While this may, at the first glance, appear harsh, I think it is the true theory for the suppression of crime. Whenever it is clearly shown that a man is a professional criminal and is determined to make his living by preying tiary is the proper place for him. In order to enforce this law properly, a more

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perfect system of identification than w are now using must be adopted. "There is a system known as the 'Ber tillion" now in use in some of the States and this is the only one known by which criminals and escaped convicts can identified beyond doubt. It is quite simple and easily understood, and yet whe measurements by it are accurately ta-ken, there can be no doubt whatever about the identification. The Warden's Association of the United adopted it, and from a central office of the association can be obtained the criminal history of every felon whose description has been taken by this meth-od. It would be easy to furnish courts in which criminals are tried with inf nation of the most reliable kind as t former convictions not only in this State od, and thus enable the time for su od, and third enable the time for second and third convictions to be added at the time of the trial instead of incurring the extra expense and trouble of again carrying the prisoners to court.

"The law provides that 'the superintendent, with the consent and advice of the Governor, may establish a system of tasking the prisoners where it can be done, and a reasonable compensation allowed for work done beyond this task which shall be placed to his credit, and paid to him when he is discharged; or, if he requests it, a portion be sent to his family; or, if he so desire it, it may be paid to him from time to tim provisions or other articles from a stand ing list to be prepared by the superin tendent and approved by the Board of Directors' Under this arrangement the prisoners have expended for groceries etc., \$12,020.30 in the past year, which ha enabled them to purchase the little lux-uries craved by the appetite, but not furnished by the State, and has been conducive to good discipline, and en couraged them to do their task more

"Last year I called attention to the large number of young who find their way into crime and prison life, and urged that some other method of punishment be adopted besides that of placing them in direct contact with the vicious and hardened, and thus confirming them in their evil ways. I would suggest that a suitable building should be erected on the State farm, when purchased, for their accommodation. When received at the penitentiary all prisoners should be graded by the superintendent. Those for serious offences and long terms, suited for contract work inside the walls should be retained in the main prison, while the short term men, the boys, the old and the infirm, should be sent to the branch prison on the farm and put in in direct contact with the vic branch prison on the farm and put in separate squads, where the boys could be trained to work and taught at fixed hours the elementary branches of a com-

mon school education. mon school education.

"Since my last annual statement, in which I reported an additional story to the main prison building and the remodeling of the front offices, we have equipped the shoe shops with an automatic fire extinguisher, and erected a water tank to furnish the necessary pressure. The yards have been paved and the lot near the stables has been filled in, near the stables has been filled in, a large amount of earth having been secured from the foundation of the Hotel Jefferson for that purpose. These improvements are substantial and valuable. The half-acre lot on First street, belonging to an estate and adjoining the State property, upon which were several add allandated buildings, occupied by no

old dilapidated buildings, occupied by ne old dilapidated buildings, occupied by ne-groes, many of them ex-convicts, and all of them very undesirable neighbors, was put upon the market at auction, and your Board wisely. I think, decided to purchase it. This was done at the fair value of \$20 per foot.

"I have had the good fortune to secure enough earth to fill up this lot also, and we have thus been enabled to ex-tend our entire eastern boundary to

First street-probably the most marked improvement that has been yet made Warner Moore Lime Company, Richimprovement that has been yet made

improvement that has been yet made to the surroundings.

"The extention of the wall on the north side of the penitentiary would seem to be an immediate necessity, and I would suggest its extension to the boundary line so as to enclose the tobacco factory. We need the room which would thus be obtained for various purposes besides the protection which would be afforded to that building.

"The erection of a small barn for the protection of stock, wagons, todis, etc.,

protection of stock, wagons, tools, etc., would be very desirable and could be done at very little cost. The unsightly sheds, now so near the railroad, could then be dispensed with and the comfort of stock and appearance of things would be very much improved."

FIRGINIA'S EXHIBITS. Official Report of the Board of World's Fair | specimens,

Managera. Colonel A. S. Buford, president of the Virginia Board of World's Fair Managers, has just submitted to Governor McKinney his official report as to the part Virginia took in the exhibition at the World's Fair. In his communication to the Governor, President Buford says:
"Dr. John S. Apperson, executive business commissioner of the Board of World's Fair managers of Virginia, has been a the accommanding paper as

handed me the accompanying paper a his report of the parti ipation by Virgini in the World's Fair Colombian Exposition at Chicago, with the request that I transmit it to you, which I now do, in order deem proper. I have not had time since its reception to give it more than a cursory review, but in doing that I have observed nothing of special or sufficient observed nothing of special or sufficient importance to correct or modify. Although made up hurriedly it shows in the large catalogue of exhibits collected, installed and cared for, awards of excellence or merit received, and otherwise, an aggregate of important facts in connection with the work of the board and its officers, that I trust will be duly appreciated, especially when considered as accomplished under the restriction and disomplished under the restriction and disabling conditions with which the board has been surrounded and em-barrussed from the date of its organiza-

tion to the present.

"We are now endeavoring to wind up the work as rapidly as possible, and get materials returned to parties entitled, involving as it does continued labor, ex-

involving as it does continued labor, expense and responsibility. A little later
I hope to be able to submit further a summary embracing a full statement of resources and expenditures."
Colonel Buford's report is accompanied
by the report of Dr. John S. Apperson,
executive business commissioner of the
Board of World's Fair Commissioners.
This report is quite lengthy and contains This report is quite lengthy and contains a detailed recapitulation of the work of the board, with a list of the exhibits and

the premiums awarded.
Dr. Apperson is of the opinion that unfer the existing circumstances the exhibit was very fine in quality, although it was not very large in size. He compliments the board and others who have been enthe board and others who have been en-gaged in the work and pays a high tri-bute to Mrs. Beale, the lady assistant. He recommends that the Legislature should take some steps to secure a permanent establishment of a collection of the resources of Virginia, so that in case of any other great exhibition Virginia would be in a position to make better

The Mount Vernon building, at the Ex position Grounds in Chicago, is to be sold and torn down The board has given the matter into the hands of a real estate firm, and it is possible that the building will be reconstructed elsewhere.

The following is a list of awards won

by exhibits in the Virginia Department; Charles Catlett, Staunton, Va., Typical Basic Steel ore; brown hematite. Potts Creek, M. & M. Co., Charleston, W. Va., collective exhibit; brown hema-

Buena Vista Development Co., Va., collection brown hematite and manganese.

Jed. Hotchkiss, trustee, Staunton Va., monite and manganese, J. C. Green, Wytheville, Va., brown hem-

Salem Furnace Co., Salem, Va., collective exhibit of ores.

Pulaski Furnace Co., Pulaski, Va., collective exhibit of of ores. Pocahontas Coal Company, Roanoke, Va., coal and coke. Big Stone Gap Improvement Company, Louisville, Va., coal and coke. State of Virginia, collective exhibit or

manganese. Marion Marbie Company, Marion, Va., dressed marble and marble onyx.
L. D. Winston, Winston, Va., dressed granite blocks. Netherwood, Richmond, Va., dressed granite blocks.

John C. Griffin, Petersburg, Va., dressed John R. Williams & Co., Aryonia, Va.,

mond, Va., limestone and burnt lime.
Loudoun Marbie Company, Mountaville,
Va., Vere Antique marbie.
Carson Lime Company, Reverton, Va., burnt lime Albemarie Stone Company, Albemarie county, Va., soapstone, ("Alberine") sinks,

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ores, metallic zinc and manufactured pro-

H. P. Copenhaver, Marion, Va., burytes, crude, crushed and ground. Buena Vista Improvement Company, Buena Vista, Va., file-bricks and fire-clay. Mt. Vernon Iron Company, brown hema

Mt. Vernon, home of Washington (the State building), a medal for faithful reproduction. Collective exhibit of forestry, forty-two

Cameron & Cameron, of Richmond, for smoking tobacco and cut-plug tobacco, and eigarettes.

been awarded, of which notice has not yet been received by the management. Ruin Along the Panana Canal. From Two Days on the "Istamus," Walter Stearns Haie, in the current num ber of Fetter's Southern Magazine, take the following graphic sketch of the desolation that now reigns over poor De Lessep's great excavation: "The trip across the Isthmus made a side, as the train passes the unfinish ditches of the canal from Colon to Pa that does not contain some mark of the immense destruction to life and property caused by the attempt to unite two oceans. Impossible as this scheme looked, there was something in it that was majestic gigantic, and for a intime it seemed likely to succeed. Tenterprises appealed to the romantic, well as the financial instincts of

French people. The vision of the Count de Lesseps, who had by the Suez Ca-nal united the Mediterranean with the Eastern seas, dazzled the usually turifty French and coaxed millions of fran bor was done by adventurers from all quarters of the globe; Chinese, negroes from Jamaica, native indians, and a few Europeans and Americans. Thousands of mea gathered at Panama, and a terribly small percentage left it when the work was abandoned. It is an historical fact that every tie laid for the Panama railroad cost a life, and the mortality must must have been even greater on the canal, judging from the cometeries lining its banks, their trenches filled with nameless victims of the Chagres fever. The half-finished canal is little more than a narrow eitch through a huge cemetery. If the dead through a huge cemetery. If the dead sleeping on the hillsides could be summoned to life by the great revelle, an army corps would respond to the call. Millions of francs are represented in the decaying machinery, in the hundreds of cars and decaying the corps of cars. ers and dredges, and in the imm repairing shops along the road A great many French and Belgian loromotives of the most approved types were imported at great expense and sether on side tracks, where they stand to-day in trains slowly sinking into the mud, or rusting away beneath the dewy of night and the heavy tropical rains Steam dredges are glued fast in

attempted violation of her sanctuary Pastor Fliedure, of Spain. Among the distinguished speakers at the

meeting of the Evangelical Alliance in

lay they have excavated, and steam

shovels lie in shapeless masses of cog-ged wheels and corroded chains. Here they will probably remain until Nature at last obliterates all evidence of the

New York, as long ago as 1875, was the Rev. Fritz Fliedner, better known as Pastor Fliedner, of Madrid. His unaffected simplicity and natural-ness of manner, his racy English with a German accent, his impassioned earnest-ness and enthusiasm for the cause he represented, secured for him great attenrepresented, secured for him great atten-tion and profoundly impressed his hear-ers. Since that time many of those who were present at that meeting of the alliance, twenty years ago, have met with him at great church councils in different cities in Europe, where he occupied a prominent position as one of the speak-ers, and where he was always heard with marked interest and favor. He is once marked interest and favor. He is once more in the United States, and after visiting several cities at the wisting several cities at the Active to making a southern tour. He will preach to-day in the German language in St. John's German Evangelical church (Dr. Paul Menzel, pastor), in the morning at 11 o'clock, and in the Second Presbyterian church (Dr. Hoge's) at 4 o'clock in the afterneon, in English.

With nerves unstrung and beads that acte